

### **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-28 were originally filed in this patent application. In the pending office action, claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,167,406 to Hoskins et al. (hereinafter “Hoskins”). No claim was allowed. In this amendment, claims 6 and 24 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 17 and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 7-23 and 25-28 are currently pending.